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## AMASH WELCOMES COST-CUTTING BUDGET PROPOSAL

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Justin Amash (MI-03) welcomed the budget proposal unveiled Tuesday by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (WI-01). Ryan's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 cuts spending by \$6.2 trillion over the next ten years compared to the President's plan.

"There is little debate that our nation is in financial peril. Our national debt exceeds \$14 trillion—that's over \$45,000 for every man, woman, and child. To ensure the prosperity of future generations, we must immediately curb reckless spending and reform entitlement programs, which consume the bulk of the federal budget," said Amash. "Chairman Ryan's proposal is certainly a step in the right direction."

Ryan's proposal includes reforms to Medicare and Medicaid. The proposal would repeal the President's health care legislation, reduce corporate welfare by ending taxpayer-funded bailouts, and eliminate hundreds of duplicative government programs.

"It is important that we keep promises that the government has already made to those over the age of 55, while recognizing the need to reform these programs for younger generations," added Amash.

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